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a working cylinder filled with damping medium;  
a piston fastened to a piston rod arranged in an axially movable manner in said working cylinder and dividing the working cylinder into two working spaces;  
first and second non-return valves arranged in said piston for respectively providing a damping force for the rebound and compression directions of the vibration damper;  
and  
a damping valve arranged in one of said piston and said piston rod having a variable damping action and arranged in series with each of said first and second non-return valves, thereby acting in both said rebound and compression directions of the vibration damper, wherein said damping valve in series with said first and second non-return valves comprise a sole passage for said damping medium between said two working spaces such that said damping fluid is required to flow through said damping valve when damping fluid is exchanged between said two working spaces in the rebound and the compression directions of the vibration damper.

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#### REMARKS

The Office Action mailed January 11, 2001 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1-10 are pending in this application, with claim 1 being the only independent claim. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as amended, and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action mailed January 11, 2001, the drawings stand objected to as not including reference sign 100 mentioned in the description. The attached Letter with Proposed Drawing Change adds reference number 100 to Fig. 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the drawing should now be withdrawn.